

CHANDLER BALLOON  
SHATTERS RECORDSStill Sailing Eastward Over  
the Virginias.

UP OVER THIRTY HOURS

Big Gas Bag Has Traveled Nearly  
One Thousand Miles.

Aeronauts Chandler and McCoy Are  
Somewhere Over the Allegheny  
Mountains—Lahn Cup Awarded  
Them as Result of Record of 450  
Miles at the Time Gallipolis, Ohio,  
Was Passed—Other Balloonists.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 18.—Chesapeake  
and Ohio Railway officials in this city re-  
port at 1 o'clock this morning that the  
Chandler balloon, which left St. Louis  
Thursday and was later reported down in  
this State, passed Beach Hill, W. Va., at  
2 o'clock in the afternoon. The report  
comes over the railroad wires.

This is the only word of the balloon re-  
ceived in this city from any source.  
There is no knowledge of the balloon  
having been grounded since that time. It  
was then apparently sailing searward.

## German Aeronauts in Danger.

St. Louis, Oct. 18.—While Chandler and  
McCoy were lifting the Lahn Cup for  
long-distance balloon flight to-day, with  
a record already known to be 450 miles,  
Erbslach and Heldmann, the German  
aeronauts, were slashing the cordage of  
their ballast to save themselves from be-  
ing dashed against a smokestack.

Their quick action with sharp knives  
freed the big gas bag that, with its bur-  
den lightened, shot upward and es-  
caped with only an encounter with a  
steel guy wire of the chimney. For a  
moment the watching crowd held its  
breath while the basket caught the wire,  
which snapped and left the aeronauts  
their lives.

This close brush with danger was only  
an incident in the day's excitement,  
which has been kept well stimulated by  
reports of the progress of the Signal  
Corps' ten balloons on its record-breaking  
voyage.

Up to late this afternoon, when the  
last report was received, Capt. Charles  
D. Forest Chandler, of the Signal Corps  
of the United States Army, and J. C. Mc-  
Coy, the aeronaut accompanying him,  
had crossed Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio,  
450 miles in a straight line, and were  
sailing across West Virginia.

They were approaching the Allegheny  
foothills, where trouble is expected.  
Aeronauts doubt their being able to cross  
the mountains, and as they descend many  
miles from lines of communication, it  
may be morning before they are heard  
from again.

## Lahn Record Surpassed.

The Lahn record of 402 miles, made in  
Europe last year, was broken early this  
forenoon, and the committee in charge  
of the Lahn Cup announced through the  
Aero Club, of St. Louis, that Chandler  
and McCoy had been awarded the Lahn  
Cup after having passed Gallipolis, Ohio,  
at 9 o'clock this morning.

The balloon Stevens No. 21, which as-  
cended here last evening with Aeronauts  
Hawley and Post, descended at London,  
Ind., this morning, after having covered  
250 miles in a straight line.

The world's balloon record, which has  
stood for seven years, was established in  
1900 by Count Henri de LaVaux, who cov-  
ered 1,300 miles from Paris into Russia.  
This broke the record established in 1859  
by Prof. John Wise, who covered a dis-  
tance of 1,150 miles from St. Louis to  
Henderson, N. Y.

## FLYER PLUNGES INTO DITCH.

Two Killed and Ten Hurt, Including  
Pugilist Tommy Burns.

Trinidad, Colo., Oct. 18.—Engineer John  
Thomas is dead, his fireman is dying, and  
ten are more or less injured, including  
the pugilist Tommy Burns and his manager,  
as a result of the wreck of the east-  
bound Santa Fe flyer at Earl this morn-  
ing. The entire train went into the ditch,  
and that more were not killed is consid-  
ered a marvel.

Physicians attending Burns say that the  
injury may cost him the championship of  
the world, as they believe that even  
though his hip, which was strained, may  
eventually heal, it will keep Burns out  
of the pugilistic game for some time.

## WOMAN WRITER SHOT.

Friends of Clara H. Stewart Declare  
Injury Is Accidental.

New York, Oct. 18.—Clara H. Stewart,  
a writer of short stories, was found in  
her apartment, at 569 West 184th street,  
tonight, shot through the body close to  
the heart.

The police of the 152d street station pro-  
nounced it a case of attempted suicide,  
although Miss Stewart's father and  
mother, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Ste-  
wart, declared that she shot herself ac-  
cidentally while unpacking her trunk.

## LOST VOICE ON WIRELESS.

Boston Navy Yard Operator Victim  
of Peculiar Accident.

Boston, Oct. 18.—Robert L. Mortimer,  
a wireless operator at the navy yard, is  
daily expecting the return of his voice.  
He lost his voice last Sunday night by  
receiving a shock. Physicians cannot tell  
just how long Mortimer will have to suf-  
fer without being able to converse.

Sunday night he was at his post on  
duty in the wireless station, when he  
came in contact with a part of the ap-  
paratus, which was heavily charged with  
electricity. A shock passed through his  
body. Suddenly he found that he had  
lost his voice.

\$1.00 Frederick, Keedysville (Antietam),  
Hagerstown and Return.

Leave Baltimore and Ohio station, Wash-  
ington, 8:30 a. m., Sunday, October 20.  
Splendid opportunity to spend Sunday in  
country.

Look Out! Prices of Lumber Much Lower.  
Frank Libbey Co., 6th and N. Y. ave.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia  
and Virginia—Fair and colder to-  
day; fair to-morrow; diminishing  
northwesterly winds.

## HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

## TELEGRAPHIC.

- 1—Gov. Hughes Announces Position.
- 1—Heine Deal Shocks Wall Street.
- 1—Harriman in Coup to Defeat Fish.
- 1—Bishop Potter Dines Negro Churchman.
- 1—Carnegie Honor Medals Awarded.
- 1—Chandler Balloon Smashes Record.
- 1—Chinese in Fierce Feud War.
- 2—President Again Starts After Bear.
- 2—Rockefeller Explains Oil Deeds.

## LOCAL.

- 2—Cheaper Gas Now Possible.
- 2—Hebrews Worship in Baptist Church.
- 3—Mall Trees Are Saved.
- 12—Liquor License Defended.

## REMEDY FOR YELLOW PERIL.

Rudyard Kipling Advises Torontonians  
on Labor Troubles.

Toronto, Oct. 18.—Rudyard Kipling, ac-  
companied by his wife, arrived here to-  
day from a tour of the Canadian North-  
west.

"Immigration is what Canada wants in  
the West," said Mr. Kipling. "You must  
have laborers. The way to keep the yel-  
low man out is to get the white man in.  
If you keep out the whites, then you  
will have the yellow man, for you must  
have laborers. England has 5,000,000 peo-  
ple to spare."

## CYCLONE DESTROYS TOWNS.

Mexican Hurricane Takes Many  
Lives in General Havoc.

Mexico City, Oct. 18.—A dispatch from  
Manzanillo says that a cyclone swept over  
a portion of the territory of Topile, doing  
great damage and causing some loss of  
life.

The town of Concepcion was completely  
destroyed. In the town of San Juan thirty  
buildings were destroyed and many build-  
ings were razed in the towns of Zavatán  
and Valle de Banderas.

## DINES WITH NEGRO

Bishop Potter, of New York,  
Host to Bishop Ferguson.

## INCIDENT STIRS RICHMOND

Regarded in Some Quarters as a  
Slur on Southern Sentiment—Mrs.  
Potter and Dr. Huntington, of New  
York, Said to Have Been the Only  
Other Guests Present.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 18.—Bishop and  
Mrs. Potter, of New York, who are oc-  
cupying the residence 600 West Franklin  
street during the general convention of  
the American Episcopal Church, this  
evening entertained at dinner Bishop Fer-  
guson, of Africa, the only negro entitled  
to a seat in the house of bishops.

The action of Bishop Potter in thus re-  
ceiving a colored man into his home circle  
on terms of social equality and breaking  
bread with him at his table, is worthy of  
special consideration because of the fact  
that the occurrence took place in the  
heart of the South, where racial lines are  
more strictly drawn than in other sec-  
tions, and in a house where such an en-  
tertainment could not have occurred dur-  
ing its occupancy by its owners.

While the dinner in honor of the  
African bishop was quiet, it has been the  
occasion of considerable comment to-  
night among those who have heard of it,  
and will undoubtedly meet with the con-  
demnation of the Southern bishops  
and delegates when it becomes generally  
known. The matter is being considered  
by the general public as a slur upon the  
South, the hospitality of which Bishop  
Potter is accepting.

Bishop Potter and Mrs. Potter and Dr.  
Huntington, of New York, entered a car-  
riage with Bishop Ferguson, and were  
driven to Bishop Potter's residence, where  
dinner was served. A telephone message  
to the house of Bishop Potter, said to be  
Bishop Ferguson, elicited the information  
that he had finished dinner and gone  
back downtown. Bishop Ferguson left  
word at his hotel that he would not re-  
turn for dinner.

This is the only occasion of Bishop Fer-  
guson being entertained socially in Rich-  
mond. There were no other guests pre-  
sent, so far as can be learned.

## FOOT GUARDS ENTERTAINED.

Connecticut Soldiers Guests of the  
Richmond Blues.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Richmond, Va., Oct. 18.—Three hundred  
officers and men of the Governor's Foot  
Guard, of Connecticut, arrived in this  
city this morning from Old Point.

This afternoon the Foot Guards, accom-  
panied by three companies of the Rich-  
mond Light Infantry Blues, escorted the  
governor of Connecticut and the governor  
of Virginia on a tour of inspection of the  
city. The Foot Guards were the guests of  
the Blues this evening at a ball and re-  
ception at the Masonic Temple.

Gov. and Mrs. Swanson this even-  
ing tendered a reception to the governor  
of Connecticut and his party at the ex-  
ecutive mansion. Following the reception,  
the guests repaired to the Masonic Tem-  
ple and attended the reception and ball  
in honor of the Foot Guards.

Lieut. Gov. Akin Dead.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 18.—John W. Akin,  
president of the Georgia senate, and  
acting lieutenant governor of the  
State, died at his home in Cartersville  
to-day, after an illness of several  
weeks. His death followed a few hours  
after that of his mother, who passed  
away last night.

Shaffer's Floral Work Is Artistic  
In conception and execution. 14th and "Eye."

Baltimore and Return, \$1.25.  
Baltimore and Ohio R. R.

Every Saturday and Sunday. All trains,  
both ways, both days, except Royal Lim-  
ousine. City offices, 1417 G st. and 619 Pa.  
ave.

Flooring (very good), \$2.00 per 100 ft.  
Frank Libbey & Co., 6th and N. Y. ave.

SEEKING NO OFFICE,  
HUGHES DECLARES

New York Governor Defines  
Position on Presidency.

DELEGATES TO DECIDE

Asserts He Will Not Seek to  
Influence Votes.

Notable Speech Delivered at Dinner  
of the New York Republican Club  
Received with Enthusiastic Ap-  
plause—Nothing to Say of the Re-  
publican-Hearst Fusion—Absence  
of Parsons Regarded as Significant.

New York, Oct. 18.—In a notable speech  
at a dinner of the Republican Club this  
evening, Gov. Hughes outlined, by im-  
plication, at least, his attitude toward the  
nomination for President, characterized  
the aims of his administration, and de-  
fined his views regarding the control  
which the State should exercise over the  
activities of corporations. With regard  
to the nomination, the governor de-  
clared:

"I do not seek any public office. I have  
not sought, nor shall seek, directly or  
indirectly, to influence the selection or  
the vote of any delegate to any conven-  
tion, and with reference to the action of  
any delegate to any convention there  
will be no suggestion or thought of in-  
fluence, protest, or reprisal in the execu-  
tive chamber."

## Received with Applause.

This declaration was received with an  
outburst of great enthusiasm, which was  
only approached when the governor  
tackled the subject of the regulation of  
corporations.

The governor furthermore declared that  
he had no ambition to be a party boss,  
but only to be governor during his term,  
with the constitutional functions of his  
office, aiming in no wise to interfere in  
any other department of the government,  
or to build up a personal machine.

## Silent on Hearst Fusion.

Not a word relative to the Republican-  
Hearst fusion in this county escaped the  
governor's lips. From what he said no  
one would have imagined that he knew  
there was any campaign going on this  
fall. His silence on this point confirmed  
in the minds of many present the belief  
that Mr. Parsons had tried to get the  
governor to vote a public approval of his  
programme and had failed to do so.

Another circumstance that helped in  
this confirmation was the absence of the  
county chairman from the dinner. It was  
said by a member of the dinner com-  
mittee that Mr. Parsons had a ticket to the  
dinner, and that his presence was ex-  
pected, but he didn't appear. Neither did  
Senator Alfred R. Page, one of the New  
York senators in whose honor, as well as  
that of the governor, the dinner was  
given. It is supposed that they both  
knew that the governor wouldn't refer to  
the coming election and that their ab-  
sence was dictated by this knowledge.

President Charles H. Young, of the Re-  
publican Club, presided and acted as  
toastmaster. Gov. Hughes sat at his  
right and State Chairman Timothy L.  
Woodruff at his left.

## BERNHARDT NOT TO RETIRE.

Actress Says She Will Remain on  
Stage Until Death.

Paris, Oct. 18.—Sarah Bernhardt, in  
denying a rumor that she will soon retire  
from the stage, said to an interviewer:  
"This may, of course, be my last sea-  
son, as my life is in God's hands, but I  
shall play until my death, and the fate  
I hope for is the death Sir Henry Irving  
died."

## EUROPA TO EXCEED LUSITANIA.

Hamburg-American Liner Will Have  
a Displacement of 48,000 Tons.

Hamburg, Oct. 18.—The giant Hamburg-  
American Line steamer, which Harland &  
Wolff, of Belfast, will build, will be  
named the Europa. She will be of 48,000  
tons, compared with the Lusitania's 32,500.  
She will probably be the last German line  
steamer to be built in Great Britain. It is  
expected that the new Vulkan yards in  
Germany will be finished before the pro-  
posed sister ship of the Europa is laid  
down.

## AUSTRIA'S EMPEROR NO WORSE.

Monarch Is Holding His Own  
Against Illness.

Vienna, Oct. 18.—So far as can be learned  
this evening, the condition of the Em-  
peror is no worse. The fever has not  
recurred and he eats well.

Nevertheless, the fact that the famous  
laryngologist, Dr. Chiari, has been sum-  
moned to confer with his majesty's phy-  
sicians, has again started serious rumors.

## Advertising that Counts

It is the home newspaper that gives the advertiser  
the best results. THE WASHINGTON HERALD is essentially a home  
newspaper—a breakfast table newspaper—every day in  
the week. On Sunday it goes into many homes that take no other  
Sunday newspaper. Clean and wholesome, distinctive and  
different, compact and attractive, it has commended itself to  
the discriminating people of Washington, so strongly that its  
circulation is increasing with each succeeding issue.

Merchants who are using it to make their announcements  
to the buying public are getting uniformly good results. Those  
who are not using it are missing an excellent trade-producing  
opportunity.

It is no blanket-sheet, the Sunday issue of THE WASH-  
INGTON HERALD; it has no color or comic, and there is nothing  
freakish about it. It depends for its success wholly upon its  
merits as a newspaper. It is the sort of newspaper that people  
read through and through because they invariably find it  
worth reading.

Such a newspaper, in the very nature of things, is the  
best possible medium for the advertiser, for it gives him  
publicity that counts.

No. 1 Cypress Shingles, \$5.50 per 1,000.  
Frank Libbey & Co., 6th and N. Y. ave.

## "DE-LIGHTED" IN THE CANEBRAKES.



## COUP TO DEFEAT FISH

Harriman Marshals Forces in  
Illinois Central Fight.

## MEET IN SECRET SESSION

John Jacob Astor Joins Forces Ar-  
ranged Against Outsted President.  
Latter Still Leads in the War of  
Proxies, but Tide May Turn in the  
Ballots Yet to Be Cast.

Chicago, Oct. 18.—The counting of proxies  
in the Fish-Harriman fight for control of  
the Illinois Central went on all day, but  
there was no substantial change in the  
state of affairs. The count went through  
to letter "L" on the alphabetical list, and  
showed that Mr. Fish was running about  
10,000 shares ahead of Mr. Harriman. This  
means nothing, however, because any one  
letter may change the total result.

John Jacob Astor, the only member of  
the board of directors who has been ab-  
sent from the present proceedings, turned  
up in Chicago to-day. He went at once to  
Mr. Harriman's room and stayed there.

There were many rumors emanating  
from the Harriman camp during the day  
to the effect that a coup had been pulled  
off yesterday which settled the whole  
fight, but the exact nature of this coup  
could not be determined.

## Harriman Adherents Confer.

Late this afternoon Mr. Harriman sum-  
moned Mr. Harahan, Mr. Goelet, Mr. As-  
tor, Mr. Vanderbilt, and all the other di-  
rectors associated with him, as well as all  
his lawyers, to a conference which began  
at 6 o'clock. All the participants were  
obviously nervous and shied at reporters.

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## TYPHOID PURSUES PLATT.

Fourth Member of Family Stricken  
with Fever.

New York, Oct. 18.—Typhoid fever  
seems to pursue the Platt family. Two  
years ago Frank H. Platt, eldest son of  
Senator Platt, was stricken down with  
the disease, and came within an ace of  
death. Hardly had Frank H. recovered,  
when his only daughter was stricken  
down to death with it. Then came the  
death of Henry B. Platt's wife by typhoid  
fever. This was three months ago.

Two weeks ago Harry Platt was taken  
from his home to the Roosevelt Hos-  
pital, stricken down with typhoid fever,  
and there Frank H. Platt, his older  
brother, has been in constant care of  
him. To-night Harry Platt was reported  
at the hospital to be fairly on the mend.  
Senator Platt was in Oswego registering,  
so that he could vote at the coming  
State election. He is to return to town  
to-night and join his son Frank in min-  
istering to Harry's condition.

## CHINESE TONGS DECLARE WAR

Philadelphia's Chinatown Scene of  
Fierce Oriental Attack.

"Specialists" Attempt Murder of Lee  
Dick—Hip Sing's Recent Testi-  
mony Against Brother Tong.

Philadelphia, Oct. 18.—Momentarily  
without guards to-day, and almost de-  
serted of pedestrians, Philadelphia's  
Chinatown was thrown into the turmoil  
of Tong warfare, and two were killed and  
many wounded. The police, who exercise  
vigilance over this section of the city  
were withdrawn almost to a man for the  
fall inspection, and a special officer, on  
salaried guard, had for the moment  
stepped into a restaurant to get luncheon.

With the field thus cleared the Hip Sing  
Tongs, with a delegation of specialists in  
this business from San Francisco, Boston,  
New York, and Chicago, opened fire al-  
most to a man, upon Lee Dick, marked  
for death because he was called to testify  
in a trial of a Hip Sing man for murder  
committed upon July 7. The On Leong,  
to which Lee Dick belonged, came to his  
rescue, and another of that society, Ye  
Ting, was killed. Lucy Tong, a Hip Sing  
man, was shot, in the crossfire, by one of  
his own Tong.

Thirty-five arrests were made. Every  
one of the Chinamen taken into custody  
had revolvers of the most expensive kind  
in their clothing, and some were taken  
by the police as their fingers pulled the  
triggers that sent bullets flying among  
the crowds in the streets.

## TENEMENT HOUSE PANIC.

Fire-frightened People Carried to  
Safety Down Ladders.

New York, Oct. 18.—There was a panic  
in the four-story double tenement at 223  
East Seventy-third street last night,  
when a fire that started in the basement  
sent such dense clouds of smoke through  
the building that all escape was seem-  
ingly cut off. Women and children, clad  
in their night clothes, made for the fire  
escapes, and when the firemen reached  
the scene every escape on the front of  
the building was crowded with terrified  
people.

The firemen quickly raised a thirty-foot  
ladder, and the crew of thirty-nine went  
up the wall of the tenement on scaling  
ladders. The occupants of the upper  
floors were taken to the roof, while the  
others were carried down the ladders.

Meanwhile the fire had spread to the  
first floor, and burned out the apartments  
of Mrs. Teresa Dunn, who lowered her  
five children out of a rear window to the  
yard. The firemen confined the blaze to  
the basement and the first floor. The  
damage was \$1,500.

## Are You a Depositor

In the banking dept. of Union Trust Co.,  
104 F st. If not, start an account. In-  
terest paid on all accounts, deposits sub-  
ject to check whenever desired.

## Harvard-Annapolis Game

At Annapolis Saturday, October 19.  
Through coaches to Annapolis, via Penn-  
sylvania Railroad, leave Washington 12:30  
p. m. and arrive Annapolis 1:50 p. m. Re-  
turning, leave Annapolis 6:30 p. m.

A la Carte Lunch Served Daily  
At Eckstein's from 12 to 3. 142 N. Y. ave.

HEINZE REVELATION  
STIRS WALL STREET

Violent Break in Prices as  
Truth Is Learned.

RIDGELY IN NEW YORK

Comptroller Not Decided as to  
Course of Action.

Directorate of Mercantile National  
Bank Resigns and New Officers  
Will Be Chosen—Clearing House  
Committee in Charge—Stock Market  
Hard Hit—Transactions in Which  
W. C. Whitney Figured Revealed.

Entire directorate of the Mercan-  
tile National Bank of New York  
forced to resign, owing to develop-  
ments in the Heinze financial diffi-  
culties.

Comptroller of the Currency  
Ridgely is in New York, but has  
not as yet accepted the presidency  
of the bank.

William C. Whitney was involved  
in a questionable transaction in  
street railway stock in 1899, accord-  
ing to testimony given before the  
Public Service Commission hearing.

The New York stock market, in  
the course of a million shares' ses-  
sion, reached low marks for the  
year in many of the leading stocks.

New York, Oct. 18.—In the confused and  
perplexed financial situation, created by  
the decline of the Heinzes, the principal  
developments to-day were the resignation  
of all the directors of the Mercantile Na-  
tional Bank, at the instance of the clear-  
ing-house committee; the virtual assump-  
tion by the clearing house of control over  
that institution, negotiations for the insti-  
tution of a new regime in the bank, and  
a violent break in the stock market, due  
largely to the calling of loans by various  
banks.

There were, too, revelations affecting  
the Heinze manipulation of United Cop-  
per, which showed that unhappy transac-  
tion in an even more sordid aspect.

In regard to the Mercantile, the situa-  
tion was made all the more confusing by  
conflicting statements between Charles W.  
Morse, a very heavy stockholder in the  
Mercantile, and the controlling power in  
a string of banks and in the Consolidated  
Steamship Company; Comptroller of the  
Currency William B. Ridgely, who has  
been invited to become president, and F.  
Augustus Heinze, who resigned as presi-  
dent on 1st-ursday.

Mr. Morse declared very emphatically  
this afternoon, and reiterated the state-  
ment to-night, that Mr. Ridgely had ac-  
cepted the office.

## Denies He Has Accepted.

Mr. Ridgely said that he had not ac-  
cepted, making the statement on leaving  
the office of the Chase National Bank at  
6 o'clock, after a long conference with  
President A. B. Hepburn, of the Chase  
National, and Vice President Henry P.  
Davison, of the First National, Mr.  
Ridgely adding that he would surely not  
come to a conclusion tonight.

Finally Mr. Heinze, at the Waldorf, to-  
night, said he "had not sold a share of  
stock, and was still in control of the  
Mercantile Bank."

In connection with this confusion of  
utterances, it became known that in-  
fluential members of the clearing house  
take the position that, without any re-  
flection on the banks with which the  
Mercantile is associated, it is, in their  
judgment, advisable that it start out  
anew, independent and free from the con-  
trol of the Morse, the Thomas, or the  
Heinze banks.

This difference of opinion, it was be-  
lieved, might serve to explain much of  
the confusion of tongues. The situation,  
it was said by clearing house repre-  
sentatives late to-night, was complicated, and  
up to midnight had not been straightened  
out.

## Holds Long Conference.

William B. Ridgely, Comptroller of the  
Currency, was in the city for the  
first time since he was offered the presi-  
dency of the Mercantile National. Mr.  
Ridgely consulted with officers of the  
bank and had numerous conferences with  
bankers prominent in the Clearing House  
Association, but at the close of the day  
declared himself still undecided as to  
whether or not he would accept the presi-  
dency. It was altogether probable, he  
added, that he would not reach a de-  
cision before Monday.

"As far as coming to a decision in the  
matter is concerned," said Mr. Ridgely,  
"I can only say that I am still consid-  
ering the proposition. I can give no in-  
formation regarding acceptance or declina-  
tion of it. If I do accept it, however, I  
will be assured that the control of the  
institution rests in my hands or in the  
hands of parties associated with me, and  
that the bank is relieved of its old con-  
nections. It will be an entirely inde-  
pendent bank."